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ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER NAMES U.S. ATTORNEY HARTUNIAN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Albany, New York – United States Attorney General Eric Holder today announced the appointment of Northern District of New York United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian to serve a two-year term on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC). Hartunian was one of six U.S. Attorneys appointed to the AGAC, comprised of the U.S. Attorneys selected from 16 of the 93 federal judicial districts in the United States, plus the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and representatives of the three litigating divisions led by U.S. Attorneys – criminal, civil, and appellate.

United States Attorney Hartunian said, "I am honored to have been appointed by Attorney General Holder to serve on his Advisory Committee, and look forward to working with him and the U.S. Attorneys representing other districts to protect, promote, and enhance the fair administration of justice across our nation."

Hartunian has served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York since the beginning of 2010. He had been an Assistant United States Attorney since 1997, serving as the Northern District's Narcotics Chief and Organized Crime Drug Task Force Coordinator from 2006 until he became U.S. Attorney. He is a 1983 graduate of Georgetown University and 1986 graduate of Albany Law School of Union University. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Hartunian served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Office of District Attorney in Albany County and worked in private practice.

The Attorney General's Advisory Committee was established in 1973; it is responsible for considering and making recommendations to the Attorney General regarding establishing and modifying the policies and procedures of the U.S. Department of Justice, cooperating with State Attorneys General and other state and local officials, promoting greater consistency in the application of legal standards, and formulating programs to improve the quality of justice at all levels throughout the United States.

The Attorney General's press release announcing the appointment of U.S. Attorney Hartunian and five other U.S. Attorneys is attached.

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